

Dear Sir(s) and Madam(s),
The decision of
Sinclair Broadcasting to force their stations to
air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election
is a clear example of the dangers of media
consolidation. There are clear rules regarding PUBLIC
airwaves and the abuse of these airwaves for advancing a
clear political agenda through propaganda.
Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of
charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public
interest. When large companies control the
airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom
line and less of what we need for our democracy.
If this were a cable network there would be no need
for investigation. The fact that this is the public airwaves
and the ownership group is FORCING these affiliates to air this
in primetime without equal time for the opposing views
needs to be investigated.
The FCC fines networks for indecency to protect the
public airwaves. Now the same process should be
applied for Sinclair's proposed abuse of the public
airwaves. If the example is not set here further
abuse will be inevitable.
Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen
media ownership rules, not weaken them. They
show why the license renewal process needs to
involve more than a returned postcard.
Thank you.
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